Police Reform Commission

†1690. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

whether Police Reform Commission recently constituted by Government has submitted its recommendations;

if so, salient feature of these recommendations;

whether Government has accepted all the recommendations;

if so, the details thereof;

if not, action being taken by Government in this regard; and

the total number of Commissions constituted for the reforms in police system and total amount spent on them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (e) Recently no Police Reform Commission has been constituted by the Government. However, in order to have a re-look at the role and functions of the Police, Soli Sorabjee Committee was constituted to draft a New Police Act to replace the Police Act of 1861; Model Police Act has been drafted which provides for well defmed duties of the police, responsiveness and sensitivity of the Police towards public especially the weaker and vulnerable Sections and accountability to the rule of law. The copy of the draft Model Police Act as framed by the Committee has been sent to all the States for consideration and appropriate action as "Police" is a State Subject under the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution.

(f) As police is a State subject, therefore, police reforms is primarily the responsibility of the respective State Governments. In so far as Central Government is concerned, it had set up a National Police Conunission in November 1977 which submitted eight reports during the period from February 1979 to May 1981 which were sent to the State Governments/ Union Territories Administration for appropriate action. No details are available on the total amount spent on it.

Bandh inspite of directions of Supreme Court and High Courts

† 1691. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

whether Government is aware that inspite of the direction of the Supreme Court and the High Courts, the bandhs are called out at times by various political and non-political organizations;

whether Government is also aware that general life routine is affected due to the bandh call specially the study of students is again and again interrupted; and

if so, the action being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) There have been instances of calls given by political parties and other organizations for bandhs inspite of the Court's orders. As per the Constitution,"Public Order" is a State subject and it is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments, to maintain law and order in their States.

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